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Top Stories

- Chinese President Xi Jinping is expected to demand that President Donald Trump lift the United States' ban on the sale of American technology to Huawei Technologies Co., along with any punitive tariffs, as a part of any trade deal between the two countries, according to Chinese officials with knowledge of the plan. During the negotiations at the Group of 20 summit this weekend in Osaka, Japan, U.S. officials said they hope to pick up trade negotiations where they ended in April. (The Wall Street Journal)

- Facebook Inc. Chief Executive Mark Zuckerberg said at the Aspen Ideas Festival in Colorado that the company is re-evaluating its moderation strategy for "deepfakes" videos on the platform after a manipulated video of Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi went viral last month, which Zuckerberg said "got more distribution than our policy should have allowed." Up for consideration is creating a new, clear definition of what is considered a "deepfake" video, Zuckerberg said. (Politico)

- The White House said it will host a social media summit on July 11 that a spokesperson said will be a place for "robust conversation on the opportunities and challenges of today's online environment." It's unclear who will be attending, and the event announcement came after Trump, in a Fox Business interview, criticized social media platforms for policies he characterized as biased against conservatives. (CNBC)

Chart Review

Google employees are backing Warren. Facebookers are putting their money on Harris.
Vox

Events Calendar (All Times Local)

06/27/2019

FCC's Upper Midwest Rural Tour	
Forbes 2019 AgTech Summit	
Skift Tech Forum	
Defense One Tech Summit	7:30 am

PrivacyCon 2019	9:00 am
Brooking Institution's public discussion on these information-sharing systems and privacy legislation	1:30 pm

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FCC's Upper Midwest Rural Tour	
FTC Cmr. Phillips featured on Sedona Conference panel on Standard Essential Patents and Antitrust	1:00 pm

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Understanding Gen Z: The Definitive Guide to the Next Generation

Based on nearly 1,000 survey interviews with 18-21 year-olds, Morning Consult's 'Understanding Gen Z' report digs into the values, habits, aspirations, politics, and concerns that are shaping Gen Z adults and the ways they differ from the generations that came before them.

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General

Politicians Don't Trust Facebook-Unless They're Campaigning
Hamdan Azhar, Wired

Politicians in Washington are fond of ripping into Facebook for its privacy practices. The latest round of excoriation came last week after the company revealed its ambitious plan to create a worldwide cryptocurrency called Libra.

Huawei Personnel Worked With China's Military on Research Projects
Bloomberg

Several Huawei Technologies Co. employees have collaborated on research projects with Chinese armed forces personnel, indicating closer ties to the country's military than previously acknowledged by the smartphone and networking powerhouse.

Nintendo, Microsoft, and Sony Say Trump's Tariffs Will Make Consoles Cost More
Karl Bode, Motherboard

Sony, Microsoft, and Nintendo have written a joint letter to the Trump administration, warning the government that its looming tariffs on Chinese goods will dramatically harm the video game industry and its employees. The companies also argued that the 25 percent tariff hike would result in US consumers paying $840 million more for game consoles.

'My Plan B Is Maybe My Plan A': Trump Threatens New Tariffs on China
Ana Swanson and Adam Satariano, The New York Times

President Trump on Wednesday played down the importance of securing a trade deal with China as he prepared to meet with its president, Xi Jinping, saying he was ready to proceed with additional tariffs if negotiations between the countries failed to get back on track.

Florida's latest oddity: Semi trucks with nobody inside them
Peter Holley, The Washington Post

At first glance, the 18-wheeler, white with green lettering crawling down its

side, looked like any other heavy-duty truck on the road. The vehicle merged onto the busy Florida Turnpike earlier this month, smoothly changing lanes and reaching 55 mph before eventually exiting the highway nearly 10 miles later.

U.S. Futures Mixed, Europe Stocks Slip Before G-20: Markets Wrap
Laura Curtis, Bloomberg

U.S. equity futures were mixed on Thursday and European stocks turned lower amid edgy trading in the build-up to a potentially pivotal G-20 meeting in Japan. Treasuries reversed a small drop and gold pared a decline.

Intellectual Property and Antitrust

FCC Investigates Whether Sinclair Showed 'Lack of Candor' When Trying to Buy Tribune
Joe Flint and Lillian Rizzo, The Wall Street Journal

The Federal Communications Commission is investigating whether Sinclair Broadcast Group Inc. misled the government agency during its unsuccessful attempt to buy Tribune Media Co. last year. In a June 25 letter to Sinclair viewed by The Wall Street Journal, the FCC said it is investigating whether the nation's biggest owner of local television stations "engaged in misrepresentation and/or lack of candor" with the agency when it was seeking approval for the $3.9 billion deal.

Huawei shrugs off Verizon patent talks as 'common' business
Sijia Jiang, Reuters

Huawei pegged its patent talks with U.S. carrier Verizon (VZ.N) as "common" business activity and said such negotiations should not be politicized, days after a senator filed legislation to prevent the Chinese firm from seeking damages in U.S. courts. The company has demanded that Verizon pay licensing fees for more than 230 of the telecoms equipment maker's patents and is seeking over $1 billion, a person has told Reuters, against a background of mounting U.S.-China trade tensions.

Huawei Hits Back at Claims It Steals Secrets
Dan Strumpf, The Wall Street Journal

Chinese technology giant Huawei Technologies Co. defended itself against allegations that it violates other companies' intellectual-property rights, saying it has never been forced by a court to pay fines for stealing secrets. Huawei's comments come a day after a Texas jury found the company misappropriated the trade secrets of Silicon Valley chip startup CNEX Labs Inc., but declined to award damages.

Telecom, Wireless and TV

Maine governor signs net neutrality bill
Rachel Frazin, The Hill

Maine Gov. Janet Mills (D) on Tuesday signed a net neutrality bill into law. The amended bill says that internet service providers receiving state funds must provide "net neutral service, which is defined as service provided without blocking lawful content, throttling or engaging in paid prioritization where some traffic is favored in exchange for payment.

FCC lets Verizon lock cell phones to network for 60 days after activation
Jon Brodkin, Ars Technica

Verizon yesterday received the government's permission to lock handsets to its network for 60 days after each device's activation, despite open-access rules that apply to one of Verizon's key spectrum licenses. The Federal Communications Commission waiver approval said 60-day locks will "allow Verizon to better combat identity theft and other forms of handset-related fraud."

Rep. Matsui Circulates Draft of C-Band Compromise Bill
John Eggerton, Broadcasting & Cable

There may be a way out of the C-Band-clearing maze after all. As promised at a recent hearing, Rep. Doris Matsui, co-chair of the Congressional Spectrum Caucus, has released a discussion draft of a C-Band repurposing compromise bill, the Wireless Investment Now in (WIN) 5G Act, that would have the FCC auctioning some or all of the (3700-4200 MHz) midband spectrum in its effort to free up more airwaves for next-gen wireless broadband.

Facebook Knows a Lot About You. So Does Your Internet Provider.

Sarah Krouse and Patience Haggin, The Wall Street Journal

Internet providers know a lot about what their customers do on the web, including the news sites they read, health ailments they research and entertainment services they use. They often know where those customers shop and manage their finances, too.

Mobile Technology and Social Media

Canada teams up with tech giants to counter extremist content online
Tyler Choi, Reuters

Canada announced funding and other initiatives on Wednesday to counter violent extremist content online by teaming with major technology companies Twitter, Facebook, Microsoft and Alphabet's Google.

YouTube introducing changes to give people more control over recommended videos
Julia Alexander, The Verge

YouTube is introducing changes to two crucial browsing features as concerns grow over harmful content spreading through the platform's recommendation algorithm. Sortable topics and filtering capabilities are being added to YouTube's homepage and "up next" recommended categories, according to a new blog post.

Google now lets you set a time limit to auto-delete location history and web activity data
Natt Garun, The Verge

Google is now beginning to roll out its location history auto-delete feature after announcing it back in May. The tool comes after an emphasis on user privacy this past developer conference season, where companies like Google and Apple both said they would begin rolling out tools to let customers have more control over what data they share with the companies or third-party apps.

Instagram is going to show you even more ads
Emily Stewart, Vox

Instagram is introducing ads into its Explore section, continuing the trend of making the app more like its parent company's main platform, Facebook. The photo-sharing app announced on Wednesday that it will launch ads in its Explore section "slowly and thoughtfully" in the months to come.

Cybersecurity and Privacy

High-profile attempt to write a national privacy law snags
David McCabe, Axios

Concerns about how a possible bipartisan privacy bill in the Senate is being negotiated have complicated talks in recent days, according to multiple people familiar with the matter.

Google and the University of Chicago Are Sued Over Data Sharing
Daisuke Wakabayashi, The New York Times

When the University of Chicago Medical Center announced a partnership to share patient data with Google in 2017, the alliance was promoted as a way to unlock information trapped in electronic health records and improve predictive analysis in medicine. On Wednesday, the University of Chicago, the medical center and Google were sued in a potential class-action lawsuit accusing the hospital of sharing hundreds of thousands of patients' records with the technology giant without stripping identifiable date stamps or doctor's notes.

Hackers Strike Another Small Florida City, Demanding Hefty Ransom
Jon Kamp and Scott Calvert, The Wall Street Journal

For the second week in a row, a small Florida city has agreed to pay cyber criminals hundreds of thousands of dollars after a ransomware attack crippled city systems. The council in Lake City, a community of about 12,000 people west of Jacksonville, approved during an emergency meeting Monday night a bitcoin payment worth about $462,000 by the city's insurer.

Black Market T-Mobile Location Data Tied to Spot of a Triple Murder
Joseph Cox, Motherboard

In 2017, two bounty hunters and a fugitive died in a chaotic shoot-out. Shortly

after their deaths, someone started tracking one of the bounty hunter's phones.

French lawsuit accuses Google of violating EU privacy rules
The Associated Press

A leading French consumer group filed a class-action lawsuit Wednesday accusing Google of violating the European Union's landmark 2018 privacy rules. In its filing in a Paris administrative court, the consumer group UFC Que Choisir is seeking 1,000 euros ($1,135) in damages for each of the 200 Google users involved so far.

The Global Data War Heats Up
Samm Sacks and Justin Sherman, The Atlantic

World leaders who gather in Osaka, Japan, for the G20 summit this week will begin a conversation on worldwide data governance-and though they are deeply divided on the question of who should control data, some nations could seek to devise a system that excludes China. Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe, who is hosting this year's summit, says he sees data governance as a priority.

Opinions, Editorials and Perspectives

The Democrats' Tech Cash Machine
Karl Rove, The Wall Street Journal

At the dawn of the modern political era, about 50 years ago, Republicans dominated small-dollar campaign giving using the then-new technology of direct mail. This leveled the playing field with Democrats, who depended on large contributions from unions, trial lawyers and wealthy liberals.

A Major Police Body Cam Company Just Banned Facial Recognition
Charlie Warzel, The New York Times

Axon, the company that supplies 47 out of the 69 largest police agencies in the United States with body cameras and software, announced Thursday that it will ban the use of facial recognition systems on its devices.

Research Reports

Race, Ethnicity and National Origin-based Discrimination in Social Media and Hate Crimes Across 100 U.S. Cities

Rumi Chunara and Stephanie Cook, New York University

We study malicious online content via a specific type of hate speech: race, ethnicity and national-origin based discrimination in social media, alongside hate crimes motivated by those characteristics, in 100 cities across the United States. We develop a spatially-diverse training dataset and classification pipeline to delineate targeted and self-narration of discrimination on social media, accounting for language across geographies.

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